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SUBJ: CHINA-JAPAN RELATIONS (U)

(U) ~~KEY POINTS~~

(U) ~~(C) Beijing wary of US-Japan security alliance~~

(U) ~~(C) Both seek to maintain good relations for economic advantages~~

~~(U) DISCUSSION~~

- ~~(U) Sino-Japanese relations are always tenuous, reflecting historical animosity~~
- ~~(U) Japan halted grant aid to China in Aug 95 to protest its ongoing nuclear tests~~

- ~~(U) Beijing condemns alleged strengthening of the US-Japan security alliance~~
 - ~~Beijing perceives Japan as northern anchor of US-sponsored containment alliance against China~~

- ~~(U) The dispute over the Senkaku Islands has revived a diplomatic quagmire among China, Taiwan, and Japan~~

(U) ~~Both Beijing and Tokyo are seeking to manage tensions~~

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